

**Chambers of Senior Judge Wilbur D. Owens, Jr.**

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**Wilbur D. Owens, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Georgia 1952 LLB  
Began Service: March 1, 1972  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Academic:** Vice President and Trust Officer, Bank of Albany (1955-1959); Secretary and Treasurer, Southeastern Mortgage Company (1959-1962)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Georgia, United States Department of Justice (1962-1965)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Smith, Gardner & Owens (1954-1955); Partner, Bloch, Hall, Hawkins & Owens (1965-1972)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1952-1954); United States Air Force Reserve (1954-1968)

**Current Memberships:** Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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Permanent Law Clerk **Cristen Freeman** ..... (478) 752-3491  
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**Duross Fitzpatrick**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934  
Education: Georgia 1961 BS, 1966 LLB  
Began Service: 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan



**Judicial:** Judge, County Recorder's Court (1974-1979); President, State Bar of Georgia (1984-1985); Member, Georgia Chief Justices Commission of Professionalism (1992-1998); Member, Federal Judges Association, Board of Directors (1998-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Elliott & Davis (1966-1967); Private Practice (1967-1983); Senior Partner, Fitzpatrick & Mullis (1983-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1954-1957)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia; Georgia Bar Foundation, State Bar of Georgia

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**Claude W. Hicks, Jr.**  
Chief Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Furman 1967 BA; Mercer 1970 JD  
Began Service: 1986  
Term Expires: 2010

**Judicial:** United States Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia (1983-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1970-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1967-1975)

**Current Memberships:** Macon Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

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**Richard L. Hodge**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Mercer 1977 JD  
Began Service: August 26, 1993  
Term Expires: August 25, 2009

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**G. Mallon Faircloth**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Tennessee 1965 BS, 1968 JD  
Began Service: July 1, 1999  
Term Expires: June 30, 2007



**Judicial:** Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Cordele Judicial Circuit (1981-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1968-1981)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; State Bar of Georgia

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge G. Mallon Faircloth continued****Staff**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

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**Robert F. Hershner, Jr.**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Mercer 1966 AB, 1969 JD  
Began Service: December 1, 1980

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Mercer University (1982-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Adams, O'Neal, Hemingway & Kaplan (1972-1976); Partner, Kaplan & Hershner (1976-1980); Counsel, Georgia Legal Services Corporation

**Military Service:** United States Army (1970-1975)

**Current Memberships:** Macon Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Georgia

**Staff**

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**John T. Laney III**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Mercer 1964 AB, 1966 JD  
Began Service: October 1, 1986  
Term Expires: October 1, 2014

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Swift, Pease, Davidson & Chapman (1970-1973); Member, Page, Scrantom, Harris & Chapman (1973-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1970)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Columbus Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Georgia

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**James D. Walker, Jr.**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Augusta 1970 BA; South Carolina 1974 JD  
Began Service: November 3, 1993  
Term Expires: November 2, 2007

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**Number of Judgeships:** 11

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Lumpkin, Meriwether, Murray, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Rabun, Rockdale, Spalding, Stephens, Towns, Troup, Union, Walker, White and Whitfield

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